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SUBJECT: MULTILATERAL AFFAIRS: NAC: GOP GUEST STATUS

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(C) MANILA 10457

1. IN AFP INTERVIEW DATELINED COLOMBO AUGUST 17 (AND FRONT-PAGED IN LOCAL PRESS AUGUST 18) UNDER SECRETARY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS INGLES EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT GOP'S FAILURE TO GAIN OBSERVER STATUS AT NAC. BUT REPORTEDLY HE WAS HOPEFUL GOP WOULD FINALLY GAIN SUCH STATUS AT NON-ALIGNED FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING IN PYONGYANG IN 1978. INGLES SAID GOP SUPPORT HAD COME FROM ITS ASEAN PARTNERS AND AFRICA. GOP DELEGATION SOURCES CLAIMED PROBLEM HAD BEEN THAT PHILIPPINES WAS BRACKETED WITH ROMANIA WHOSE CANDIDACY AFRICANS OPPOSED BECAUSE OF ROMANIA'S ISREAL TIES.

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2. QUOTING OTHER CONFERENCE SOURCES, AFP SAID GOP'S

FAILURE TO GAIN OBSERVER STATUS HAD BEEN "PRESCREBED."
YUGOSLAVIA, CUBA AND INDIA HAD DECIDED IT. SAME SOURCES
CLAIMED THERE NO CONSENSUS FOR URLING ON PHILIPPINES AND
ROMANIA. WHEN SRI LANKA JUSTICE MINISTER BANDARANAIKE
ANNOUNCED AUGUST 14 ROMANIA AND PHILIPPINES WOULD BE
GUESTS BOTH GHANA AND MALAYSIA FORMALLY OBJECTED (PRE-
SUMABLY TO NON GRANT OF OBSERVER STATUS) ALLEGEDLY FIRST
TIME PRESIDENT OFFER'S RULING WAS DISPUTED IN NON-
ALIGNED MOVEMENT.

3. COMMENT: GOP'S FAILURE TO GAIN OBSERVER STATUS WAS
ANTICIPATED BY DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFARIS SPECIALISTS
(SEE REF C) ALTHOUGH POLITICAL LEADERSHIP MAY HAVE BEEN
INDULGING IN SOME WISHFUL THINKING ABOUT GOP PROSEPCTS.
IN VIEW OF PRESIDENT MARCOS' SELF-DESIGNATION AS THIRD
WORLD LEADER DURING GROUP OF 77 MEETING IN MANILA AND
HIS POSTURING AT UNCATD MEETING IN NAIROBI, GOP'S FAILURE
TO GAIN OBSERVER STATUS IS MORE EMBARRASSING TO
PHILIPPINES THAN IT OUGHT TO HAVE BEEN. SULLIVAN

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